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## (54) LUMINOUS PHOSPHOR

# (57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a luminous phosphor activated with bivalent europium, having a specific chemical compositional formula, thus attaining long afterglow time/high afterglow luminance compared to conventional silicate-based luminous phosphors, presenting diversified luminescent colors ranging from blue to yellowish green colors, therefore useful for e.g. night signs.

aRO - (1-a) (Mg, .. Zn.; O - bA | SOLUTION: This luminous phosphor is such one as to be zOz - c (Siz-, Ger) Oz - d E u - e M: activated with bivalent europium and have a chemical composition of the formula (R is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ca, Sr and Ba; M is a coactivator, being at least one element selected from the group consisting of Nb, Zr, Bi, Mn, Sn, In, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, Sc and Y;  $0.4 \le (a) \le 0.9$ ;  $0.00001 \le b \le 0.30$ ;  $0.25 \le c \le 1.5$ ;  $0.00001 \le d \le 0.2$ ;  $0.00001 \le \le \le 0.2$ ;  $0 \le x < 1.0$ ;  $0 \le y < 1.0$ ). This luminous phosphor is obtained by the following process: appropriate amounts of respective specified stocks are weighed, mixed together, put into an alumina crucible, and then burned at 950-1,500° C for 1-12 h in a reductive atmosphere.

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#### **CLAIMS**

#### [Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] Activation is carried out with divalent europium. A chemical composition type aRO, ObAl2O3, c(Si1-yGey) O2, and dEu-eM (However, R is at least one sort chosen from the group which consists of Ba, Sr, and calcium, and M is a coactivator.) It is shown at least one sort chosen from the group which consists of Nb, Zr, Bi, Mn, Sn, In, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, Sc, and Y -- it is -- a, b, c, d, ex, and y are phosphorescent materials characterized by being in the range of  $0.4 \le a \le 0.9$ ,  $0.00001 \le b \le 0.30$ ,  $0.25 \le c \le 1.5$ ,  $0.00001 \le d \le 0.2$ ,  $0.00001 \le e \le 0.2$ ,  $0 \le x \le 1.0$ , and  $0 \le y \le 1.0$ , respectively.

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#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

#### [Detailed Description of the Invention]

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[Field of the Invention] Activation of this invention is carried out with divalent europium. A chemical composition type aRO, O-bAl2O3, c(Si1-yGey) O2, and dEu-eM (However, R is at least one sort chosen from the group which consists of Ba, Sr, and calcium, and M is a coactivator) it is shown, at least one sort chosen from the group which consists of Nb, Zr, Bi, Mn, Sn, In, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, Sc, and Y — it is — by long afterglow time amount and quantity afterglow brightness it is related with phosphorescent materials with various luminescence wavelength.

[0002]

[0002]
[Description of the Prior Art] the phenomenon in which, as for fluorescence, the matter emits the light near a visible region by the stimulus (excitation) from the outside — it is — a fluorescent lamp, a discharge lamp, and CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) — the so-called luminescence of the Braum tube etc. is this. Although the matter which emits fluorescence is called fluorescent substance, this is called phosphorescence when the fluorescence of the time amount (about 0.1 seconds) of extent sensed for an eye after an excitation halt continues. Moreover, the fluorescent substance with high-persistence from which the time amount which phosphorescence follows, i.e., afterglow time amount, reaches in several hours at a room temperature is called phosphorescent materials.

phosphorescence follows, i.e., afterglow time amount, reaches in several nours at a room temperature is called phosphorescent materials. (2003) It is put in practical use as phosphorescent materials and the suffide system phosphorescent materials are put in practical use dozens of years before, afterglow time amount has the trouble of being short in about at most 3 hours. Moreover, the decomposition reaction which becomes ZnS-H2 O->Zn+H2S arises with the ultraviolet rays included in daylight, and the moisture contained in atmospheric air, the luminous object itself carries out melanism of these phosphorescent materials, and they have the fatal fault that an afterglow function falls remarkably for a short period of time. Furthermore, in order to compensate short afterglow time amount, the radioactive substance may be made to contain and there was also demerit of being harmful, to the body or an environment. Therefore, this kind of phosphorescent materials were mainly used only for applications restricted very much, such as the watch with a luminous dial and indoor Nighttime display.

[0004] Recently, the new phosphorescent materials (JP,9-194833,A, JP,9-241831,A) which made silicate the subject were developed. As compared with the conventional sulfide system, by high afterglow brightness, these phosphorescent materials have long afterglow the mount, and since they are oxides, they have the property with them of excelling also in chemical durability. For this reason, in addition to applications, such as a display, accessories, etc. of a disaster

indoor Nighttime display, broad applications, such as a display, accessories, etc. of a disaster prevention indicator and the safety for location recognition, are expectable. [0005]

[Problem(a) to be Solved by the Invention] Thus, a property needs to be improved according to a request as the applicable field of phosphorescent materials is expanded. The further

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[0012] x can realize long afterglow time amount and quantity afterglow brightness also by showing the substitutional rate when permuting Mg by Zn, and permuting some Mg by Zn. In addition, although the permutation by Zn is a partial permutation of an indispensable component, if Mg tends to acquire said better property, the range of 0<=x<=0.5 will be desirable especially desirable, and the range of it will be 0<=x<=0.2.

desirable, and the range of it will be 0<-x<-0.2 (0013) y can realize long afterglow time amount and quantity afterglow brightness also by showing a substitutional rate in case germanium permutes Si, and permuting a part of Si by germanium. In addition, although the permutation by germanium is a partial permutation of an indispensable component, if Si tends to acquire said better property, the range of 0<-y<-0.5 will be desirable especially desirable, and the range of it will be 0<-y<-0.2. ([0014] Moreover, in case the phosphoroscent materials of this invention are compounded, phosphate, such as boric acid and ammonium dihydrogenphosphate, etc. can be added as flux. The optimal addition is 0.05 − 8% of range in mol%.

[0015]

[0015] [Embodiment of the Invention] An oxide, a carbonate, a nitrate, a hydroxide, etc. can be used for the raw material of the phosphorescent materials of this invention. After carrying out specified quantity weighing capacity of these raw materials and fully mixing with a bell mill etc., it puts into an alumins crucible and calcinates at 950-1500 degrees C among the reducing atmosphere of hydrogen gas etc. for 1 to 12 hours. The baking object obtained depending on the case can also be ground and re-realizated, and this can also be repeated twice or more. In that case, an oxidizing atmosphere is sufficient as intermediate baking, and it should just be reducing strong-breen in the last haking.

atmosphere in the last baking.
[0016] As for the synthetic approach of ceramic fine particles, the sol gel process, the w synthesis method (coprecipitation method), etc. are known. The phosphorescent materials of this invention can also be compounded by these approaches, if it is presentation within the limits indicated by the claim of this invention, it can make with the synthesis method of general ceramic fine particles, and it is not limited to the solid reaction method mentioned above. Hereafter, although a concrete example explains this invention, this invention is not limited only to these examples. [0017]

(Example)

(Example 1)

[Example 1] S-CO3 6.194gMgO(s) 0.761gAl(s) 203 0.214gSiO(s)2 2.395gH3BO3 0.259gEu(s) 203 0.015gTm(s) 203 Mix enough the raw material of a combination presentation of 0.162g above, put into an alumina crucible, and it calcinates at 1350 degrees C in the mixed-gas air current of H2 2+3% of N97% for 3 hours. The phosphorescent materials used as chemical composition type 0.690SrO, 0.310MgO, 0.0345aluminum2O3, 0.656SiO2, 0.0345 B-2O3, 0.00138Eu, and 0.0138Tm were

to studied. Outside the second materials are excited with the light of a fluorescent lamp, and the emission spectrum I minute after an exposure helt is shown in <a href="mailto:drawing1">drawing1</a>. Measurement was performed using the spectrophotofluorometer. An emission peak wavelength is near 480nm, and blue luminescence wavelength of 480nm is shown in <a href="mailto:drawing1">drawing2</a>. This spectrum measured in the luminescence wavelength of 480nm is shown in <a href="mailto:drawing2">drawing2</a>. This spectrum shows excitation wavelength having spread to the visible region and being easily excited with light, such as sunlight and a fluorescent lamp. [0019] The phosphorescent lamp. [0019] The phosphorescent lamp are askingle to drawing the afterglow brightness from immediately after an excitation halt is shown in <a href="mailto:drawing3">drawing3</a>. Measurement was performed using the luminance meter (LS-100 and Minolta Co., Ltd.) A \*\*\*\*\*\* understands ( drawing / this ) afterglow time amount for the phosphorescent materials of an example 1 by high brightness from the example A of a comparison. In addition, the examples A of a comparison are the phosphorescent materials of an OKERU dynamite presentation. [0020] An example 1, the examples 2-5 which show the same luminescent color, and the example A of a comparison were produced by the same approach as an example 1. These

provement in afterglow brightness and afterglow time amount is strongly desired also in it.

[0006]
[Means for Solving the Problem] In order that this invention may solve the above-mentioned technical problem, activation is carried out with divalent europium. The chemical composition type is aRO. 0-bAI2O3, c(Si1-yGey) O2, and dEu-eM (however, R is at least one sort chosen from the group which consists of Ba. Sr, and calcium, and M is a coactivator), at least one sort chosen from the group which consists of Rb. Zr, Bi, Mn, Sn, In, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, Sc, and Y — it is — it is going to offer the phosphoreascent materials shown. [0007] The crystal phase which serves as a subject of said silicate phosphoreascent materials (JP.9-194833.A) is the mineral called akermanite (calcium2Mg (Si 207)), the congruence pyramid of Si 207 and MgO4 tethehedron built the layer (Si2MgO7) with O share, and, as for this crystal structure, calcium is contained by 8 coordination between layers. Sr and Ba can be dissolved in calcium location between this layer, and it becomes akermanite and the structure of isomorphism. On the other hand, generally the mineral called a GERE night (calcium2alminum (AlSiO7)) is known. The congruence pyramid of 2 (aluminum. Si)O7 and AlO4 tetrahedron built he layer (SiAl 207) with O share, and, as for this crystal structure, calcium location between this layer, and it becomes a GERE night and the structure of isomorphism. The crystal structure to which aluminum dissolved continuously is called mellite by making these two crystal phases into an end member. That is, the congruence pyramid of 2 (aluminum, Si)O7 and O(Mg, aluminum)4 tetrahedron build a layer (3 (Si, aluminum, Mg)O7) with O share, and calcium, Sr, and Ba enter by 8 coordination between layers. We came to complete a header and this invention for the phosphoreascent materials which can solve a technical problem by considering this mellite mold structure as a mother crystal, and using divalent europium as an activator. [0008] Namely, phosphoreascent materials which can solve a technical problem by consideri [Means for Solving the Problem] In order that this invention may solve the above-mentioned

[0009] In the phosphorescent materials of this invention, in a, b shows the presentation ratio of aluminum 203, and, as for (1-a), c shows [ the presentation ratio of RO (however, R is at least one sort chosen from the group which consists of Ba, Sr, and calcium) ] the presentation ratio of SiO2 and/or GeO2 for the presentation ratio of MgO and/or ZnO. The range of a, b, and c serves as mellite mold structure in O.4<alcd>Acca</a><0.9, 0.00001(=bC,03,0, and 0.25<cc>Acca</a>, and the phosphorescent materials of high afterglow brightness and long afterglow time amount can be obtained. It becomes the phosphorescent materials which have the broad luminescent color of blue yellowish green by changing the ratio of Ba, Sr, and calcium in R. By the Sr independent, it is blue luminescence, and luminescence wavelength is shifted to a long wavelength side in permuting Sr gradually from calcium, and, specifically, luminescence wavelength is shifted to a short wavelength side by permuting Sr gradually by Ba. Moreover, also by changing the presentation ratio of aluminum 203, luminescence wavelength can be shifted and the phosphorescent materials which have the desired tuminescent color can be obtained.

[0010] I must show the concentration of an activator and the range of it must be 0.00001<alcd>Color of the properties not obtained, but a lifting and afterglow brightness fall concentration quenching by d> 0.2 conversely, desirable — 0.00005<=d<=0.1 — it is the range of 0.0001<=d<=0.05 especially

preferably.

[0011] a must show the concentration of a coactivator and the range of it must be

0.00001<=a<=0.2. The effectiveness of increasing afterglow time amount and afterglow brightness in a < 0.00001 is scarce, and afterglow brightness fails gradually by e> 0.2 conversely. desirable 
0.0001<=a<=0.15 — it is the range of 0.002<=a<=0.10 especially preferably.

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presentations are shown in Table 1. The empirical formula shows two kinds about each example, and is written in the form where the upper case corresponded with the chemical composition type, and the lower berth corresponded with the crystal structure. It excited for 20 minutes by 200k(ea) using the fluorescent lamp to each phosphorescent materials, and the afterglow brightness from immediately after an excitation halt was measured with the luminance meter. The relative afterglow brightness shown in Table 1 is the relative value which expressed the afterglow brightness of the example A of a comparison as 100 in the afterglow brightness 10 minutes after an excitation halt.

灾施例	組成式	相対残光 輝度(%)
1	0.6905r0 · 0.310Mg0 · 0.0345A1,0, · 0.656510, · 0.0345B,0, · 0.00138Tm · 0.0138Tm Sr.Mg. AL. Si, .0. · 0.18.0, · 0.0048m · 0.040Tm	350
2	0.6695r0 - 0.331tg0 - 0.0035A1,0, - 0.666510, - 0.00335B,0, - 0.00134E0 - 0.0134Tt0 - 0.0134E0 - 0.0134Tt0 - 0.014E0 - 0.014Tt0 - 0.014E0 - 0.014Tt0 - 0.014E0 - 0.04F0	200
3	0.7145r0 - 0.286hg0 - 0.0714A1,0, - 0.643S10, - 0.03578,0, - 0.001432a - 0.01437a Sr.Mg.,Al.,Si., 0 0.18,0, - 0.0048u - 0.0407a	375
4	0.741870 - 0.259HgO - 0.111A1,O <sub>1</sub> - 0.530S1O <sub>1</sub> - 0.0371B <sub>1</sub> O <sub>2</sub> - 0.00148Eu - 0.0148Ths Sr.Mg., Al., Sl., O- 0.1B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> - 0.004Eu - 0.040Th	275
5	0.7695r0 · 0.231Mg0 · 0.154A1,O <sub>3</sub> · 0.815S1O <sub>7</sub> · 0.0385B,O <sub>3</sub> · 0.00154Fb · 0.0154Tb Sr.Mg.,Al.,Si.,O · 0.1B,O <sub>3</sub> · 0.004Fb · 0.040Th	200
比較例 A	0.6675r0 · 0.3334g0 · 0.6675i0, · 0.03338 <sub>2</sub> 0, · 0.00133Eu · 0.01337a 0.01337a Sr.MgSi <sub>2</sub> 0, · 0.18 <sub>2</sub> 0, · 0.004Eu · 0.0407a	100

[0022] About an example 5 and the example A of a comparison, X diffraction measurement is performed and the obtained spectrum is shown in <u>drawing 4</u>. From this drawing, whenever [angle-of-diffraction / of an example 5 ] differs from the example A of a comparison clearly, and, as for the example A of a comparison, it turns out that it has become another structure, i.e. mellite mold structure.

mellite mold structure. [0023] In each example and the example A of a comparison which were shown in Table 1, it becomes common as Sr2Mg1-nAt2nSi2-nO7, 0.1 B-203, 0.004Eu, and 0.040Tm, the empirical formula expressed with the crystal structure is shown, and what plotted relative afterglow brightness to this n is shown in <u>drawing 5</u>. This n expresses the substitutional rate of the GERE night presentation over an exermanite presentation. The afterglow brightness of a mellite presentation (OK nC1) is high, and is afterglow brightness high twice in addition from the afterglow brightness of an akemmanite (n= 0) presentation also in the 3.75 times greatest by n= 0.2 and a - 1.4 as that clearly from this drawing. 0.2 and n= 0.4 so that clearly from this drawing.

[Example 6]
SrCO3 4.889gCaCO(s)3 1.105gMgO(s) 0.801gAKs) 203 0.225gSiO(s)2 2.521gH3BO3 0.273gEu(s) 203 0.018gTm(s) 203 Mix enough the raw material of a combination presentation of 0.170g above, put into an alumina crucible, and it calcinates at 1300 degrees C in the mixed-gas air current of H2 2+3% of N 97% for 3 hours. The phosphorescent materials used as chemical composition type 0.518SrO, 0.173CsO, 0.310MgO, 0.0345aluminum2O3, 0.656SiO2, 0.0345 B-2O3. 0.00138Eu, and 0.0138Tm were obtained

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(0025) These phosphorescent materials are excited with the light of a fluorescent lamp, and the emission spectrum 1 minute after an excitation halt is shown in <u>drawing 8</u>. Measurement was performed using the spectrophotofluorometer. An emission peak wavelength is near 490nm, and luminescence of a bluich green color was observed visually.

(0026) Examples 7–14 were produced by the same approach as an example 6. These presentations are shown in Table 2. It excited for 20 minutes by 200k(es) using the fluorescent lamp to each phosphorescent materials, and the afterglow brightness from immediately after an excitation halt was measured with the luminance meter. The relative afterglow brightness shown in the table is the relative value which expressed the afterglow brightness of the example 8 of a comparison as 100 in the afterglow brightness 10 minutes after an excitation halt.

[Table 2]

Table 2 支施例		相対残光 輝度(%)
6	0.690(Sr <sub>e.75</sub> Ca <sub>0.25</sub> )0 · 0.310MgO · 0.0345A1 <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.656S1O <sub>3</sub> · 0.0345B <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.00138Eu · 0.0138Tm	600
7	0.714(Sr <sub>e.75</sub> Ca <sub>0.25</sub> )0 · 0.286Hg0 · 0.0714Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.643SiO <sub>3</sub> · 0.0357B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.00143Eu · 0.0143Tn	560
8	0.759(Sr. 5Ca. 5)0 · 0.231Hg0 · 0.154Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.615SiO <sub>2</sub> · 0.0385B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.00154Eu · 0.0154Tu	360
9	0.667(Sr <sub>e,m</sub> Ca <sub>e,te</sub> )0 · 0.333MgO · 0.667S1O <sub>1</sub> · 0.0333B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> · 0.00133Eu · 0.0133Tm	120
10	0.714(Sr <sub>4.55</sub> Ca <sub>5.55</sub> )0 · 0.286Mg0 · 0.0714A1 <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> · 0.643SiO <sub>2</sub> · 0.0357B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.00143Ea · 0.0143Tm	800
1 1	0.667(Sr <sub>0.5</sub> Ca <sub>0.73</sub> )0 · 0.333HgO · 0.667SiO <sub>2</sub> · 0.0333B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.00133E <sub>2</sub> · 0.0133E <sub>3</sub>	140
1 2	0.714(Sr <sub>a.5</sub> Ca <sub>e.71</sub> )0 · 0.2867g0 · 0.0714Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.643SiO <sub>4</sub> · 0.0357B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.00143Eu · 0.0143Tu	900
13	0.714Sr0 · 0.286(Mga, ZDa, 1)0 · 0.0714Al, 0, · 0.643S10, · 0.0357B, 0, · 0.00143Eu · 0.0143Tm	200
14	0.714(Sr <sub>0.78</sub> B <sub>3.15</sub> )0 · 0.288HgO · 0.0714Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.643SiO <sub>4</sub> · 0.0357B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.00143Eu · 0.0143Tu	220
比較例	0.667(Sr <sub>0.75</sub> Ca <sub>0.25</sub> )0 · 0.333H <sub>5</sub> O · 0.667SiO <sub>2</sub> · 0.0333B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> · 0.00133Eu · 0.0133Tm	100

(0028) The emission spectrum measured about the phosphorescent materials of examples 10, 12, and 14 is shown in <a href="mailto:decorate-align: center-align: center-align

broad application can be provided with them.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

(Brief Description of the Drawings)

[Drawing 1] It is an emission spectrum 1 minute after [ of an example 1 ] an optical-pumping halt.

[Drawing 2] It is an excitation spectrum in the luminescence wavelength of 480nm of an example

[Drawing 3] It is the graph which showed aging of the afterglow brightness of an example 1 and

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[Drawing 4] It is the X diffraction Fig. of an example 5 and the example A of a comparison.

[Drawing 5] It is the graph which plotted the relative afterglow brightness 10 minutes after an excitation halt to n in Sr2Mg1-nAl2nSi2-nO7, 0.1 B-2O3, 0.004Eu, and 0.040Tm.

[Drawing 6] It is an emission spectrum 1 minute after [ of an example 6 ] an optical-pumping halt.

[Drawing 7] It is an emission spectrum 1 minute after [ of an example 10 ] an optical-pumping halt.

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[Orawing 8] It is an emission spectrum 1 minute after [ of an example 12 ] an optical-pumping

helt.
[Drawing 9] It is an emission spectrum 1 minute after { of an example 14 ] an optical-pumping halt.

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